

Application No.: 10/600,948  
Amendment Dated: November 7, 2006  
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#### REMARKS


In an Office Communication mailed October 31, 2006, the Examiner in charge of the above-noted application has requested correction regarding the claims pending in the application. In response, and at the request of the Examiner, applicants cancel previously withdrawn Claims 6-11 and 14-18 in favor of new Claims 21-30, which read on Group II, drawn to embodiments of the invention comprising FLC2, which when introduced into the genome of a plant can delay flowering. Support for the new claims is found, for example, at Fig. 1, page 7, lines 10-25; page 14, lines 12-23; and Examples 5-7.

Also, as requested by the Examiner, applicants elect SEQ ID NO:4 and polynucleotide sequences encoding SEQ ID NO:4.

The restriction is traversed on grounds the subject matter of Groups I-II, relating to FLC family members involved in the altering of flowering times are intimately related. With this election, applicants also reserve the right to file a divisional application without prejudice.

No extension of time is believed due. However, if an extension of time is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 17-0055. No additional fees are believed due; however, if any fees are due, in this or any subsequent response, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,



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